

Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

GENERAL CARR'S majority for Secretary of State in New York, will reach nearly 20,000.

GENERAL WRIGHT, Chief of Engineers, advises liberal expenditures for coast defense.

THERE is a rumor current that Bob Ford, the slayer of Jesse James, has mysteriously disappeared.

TAKING the vote for Judge as a basis, the Republican gain in Nebraska in the recent election is nearly 10,000.

POLICE OFFICER CONROY, of New York, who recently killed Patrick Keenan in a saloon, was indicted on the 12th for murder.

GENERAL SHERMAN was warmly welcomed home the evening of the 12th by a large company of old comrades at St. Louis, Mo.

A REPUBLICAN demonstration was held in Madrid on the 11th in honor of Figueras, the first President of the Spanish Republic.

THE roof of a new wing of the Wisconsin Capitol building fell on the 8th. Four men were killed and many others were badly hurt.

THE Governor of Manchuria has been ordered from Peking to have 6,000 Mogul irregulars ready to embark for Tonquin at a moment's notice.

THE four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther was celebrated in the majority of the Evangelical churches throughout the country on the 11th.

A PARTY of Texas politicians left Corpus Christi on the 9th for Saltillo, Mexico, to make themselves acquainted with the Mexican view of the reciprocity treaty.

ANOTHER move has been made in Chicago to test the validity of the saloon licenses issued a few days before the high license law took effect. More than \$1,000,000 is involved.

THE United States Circuit Court in New York has decided to permit Mr. Mario to bring suit against Commodore Garrison, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, for \$3,600,000 and interest.

TOBIA BERTINI, prima tenor assoluta, wants \$50,000 from Colonel Mapleson, who, he alleges, does not mean to keep a contract by which Bertini was to receive \$3,000 a month for the season.

THE President has amended the Civil Service rules so that in department, post-office and customs office appointments discrimination on account of politics or religion is prohibited strictly.

THE vote in New York on the proposition to abolish convict contract labor from the State Prison, with but few districts to hear from, gives a majority of 234,976 in favor of the proposition.

THE Denver (Col.) City Council has passed an ordinance requiring railroad ticket brokers to pay a \$500 license and keep a record of all tickets sold, said record to be kept open for inspection like a pawnbroker's books.

At Des Moines, Ia., on the 12th the jury in the case of Charles Wilcox, on trial for the murder of Mayor Stubbs, at Polk City, failed to agree, standing eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. On first returning it stood six and six.

JOHN T. SHORT, late Professor of History and Philosophy in the Ohio State University, died the morning of the 11th. He was the author of "North America's Antiquity" and a member of historical societies in this country and Europe.

THE City of Peking, which arrived in San Francisco from Hong Kong on the 9th brought 187 more Chinamen, provided with the famous Chinese Government "trader certificates." Several innocents acknowledged having paid money to the Canton inspectors for their certificates.

THE eminent tragedian, John McCullough, was the recipient of an ovation at the hands of his large circle of friends in St. Louis, Mo., the night of the 12th, at the Olympic Theater. General Sherman was among the audience, which was one of the most brilliant ever seen in the city.

A WINNIPEG (Man.) dispatch of the 11th states that a decided movement is on foot there in favor of secession from the Dominion Confederation. The cause is said to be the general and long-felt dissatisfaction of the people with the manner in which they are treated by the Dominion government.

GENERAL HAZEN, chief signal officer, in his annual report says the service has been seriously crippled by diminished appropriations, and urges Congress to be more liberal in the future. He recommends a separate office on the Pacific Coast and a decided extension of the service in that important region.

SECRETARY TELLER has under consideration a plan, endorsed by Commissioner Dudley, to prevent such scandals as recently have been brought to light in the practice of certain pension attorneys. This suggestion is that only members of the bar, regularly admitted to practice and in good standing, be allowed to appear before the department.

At Washington on the 9th argument was commenced in the United States Supreme Court in the suit brought by the heirs of the late Sarah Ann Dorsey, of Louisiana, for the purpose of setting aside the will by which Mrs. Dorsey left her property to Jefferson Davis. It is maintained that the testatrix was subject to undue influence.

In the case of O. A. Carpenter at Lincoln, Ill., charged with the murder of Zura Burns, the preliminary examination was concluded on the 10th and the accused held to bail in \$10,000 to answer at the Criminal Court. The decision to admit Carpenter to bail gave very general satisfaction, as the case against him at most is but circumstantial. Zura's father declares he will shoot Carpenter.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

An attempt was made by an incendiary on the 8th to burn the house of M. S. Sturgeon, a Davenport (Ia.) lawyer.

The Illinois Central Railroad will not adopt the new time standard.

CHRISTIAN OETLE, who killed Edward Kamp in a quarrel over a debt, was convicted of manslaughter on the 8th, at Cleveland, O.

In a duel with swords at Chapultepec, Mex., on the 8th Olivier, a French merchant, was killed by Degheest, a Mexican banker, who was himself badly wounded.

WHILE picking up chips on the 8th, about a building, which workmen were tearing down, Mrs. Eliza Simpson, of Indianapolis, had her neck broken by a falling beam.

The examination of witnesses in the Greely relief investigation began on the 12th.

The deaths by the recent colliery explosion in England foot up sixty-seven.

JUDGE HOFFMAN, of San Francisco, recently decided that Chinese who returned from this country to China prior to the restriction act are entitled to land here.

FIVE men were killed and seven seriously hurt by the fall of a building in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 9th.

An anti-Jewish riot in Hungary on the 9th was quelled by the police after several rioters had been killed.

At Forest, O., on the 9th, Baggage-Master Speidel was fatally shot by a burglar whom he was trying to arrest.

THE inter-State Commission on Education, appointed at Louisville, Ky., has prepared a bill to submit to Congress.

The Jamaicans are again indulging in rebellious talk, being dissatisfied with the course of the British Government.

ANTOINETTE, the Alsatian deputy charged some time since with treason by the German Government, has been released.

At a blast furnace in Newcastle, Pa., a scaffold seventy-eight feet above the ground gave way on the 8th with four men. One was killed.

A MAN named Williamson, living at Stone City, Ia., while intoxicated on the 8th, attacked his wife with an ax and inflicted such injuries that she will probably die. He has been arrested.

A STEAM Boiler Insurance Company has been incorporated in New York with a capital of \$250,000.

HIRSH MACFAR, of Newport Township, near Marietta, O., accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting on the 9th.

THE bark Margarita, laden with 1,375 barrels of naphtha and 2,100 barrels of refined oil, burned at New York the morning of the 9th.

COUNTERFEIT half dollars, made in imitation of well-worn coins, have been introduced in Salt Lake City, Utah.

THE Mayor of New York asks a general suspension of business on the 30th of the present month, which is to be celebrated as the anniversary of the day on which the British evacuated the city.

DANIEL SCHOOL, a railroad watchman at High Trestle, on the Northern Pacific near Missoula, M. T., was shot through the head, in his watch-house, and robbed of \$400, on the 8th. The murder was done for plunder.

THE Moulinmouth Presbytery, in New York, celebrated the 400th anniversary of the birth of Luther, on the 9th, with appropriate ceremonies.

A PANIC was caused by a false alarm of fire as the audience was leaving the Twenty-third Street Theater, in New York, the night of the 8th. Many were bruised, but none seriously.

THE business failures for the seven days ending the 9th in the United States and Canada were 211, against 215 for the previous week.

ENGLISH railroads continue to purchase American sleeping-cars.

ATKISTA KOEHLER committed suicide at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 11th, by taking rat poison.

EDWARD MCCURTAIN has been nominated for Chief of the Choctaw Nation.

WILLIAM ROSA was dangerously shot by a bullet at East Saginaw, Mich., the night of the 10th.

A SINGLE eastern railroad recently discharged twenty-seven employees for color-blindness.

THE New York, West Shore & Buffalo Road is to be opened for through traffic January 1.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway has established a large number of experimental farms along its line.

THE Adjutant-General of Indiana proposes a National encampment of State troops at Washington next year.

Mrs. CAPEL preached two sermons in Cincinnati on the 11th on Martin Luther from the Catholic standpoint.

THE Civil-Service Commissioners and the President can not agree on a scheme to regulate promotions in the Civil-Service.

THE London police claim to have clues to the perpetrators of the recent dynamite outrages, and there are reports that Americans are implicated.

W. S. KIRKER, absconding teller of the Second National Bank of Ironton, O., has returned home. He had been on a prolonged spree.

It has been discovered that the pension claim agents have been guilty of fraudulent practices in connection with claims for additional bounty.

THE failure of Higbee & Co., Fremont, O., is announced, and is expected to prove serious. The firm had numerous elevators along the Nickel Plate line.

It is stated that the commander of the French forces in Tonquin has informed the Government it would be impossible to operate in Tonquin with the present force, and that nothing can be done until February.

A FAMILY at Akron, O., have trichinosis, and it was thought two children would die.

THREE men were killed on the 12th by an explosion in a mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

JOS. SOMER, of Greensburg, Pa., is under arrest for murdering his father and a servant girl.

THE November report of the Department of Agriculture estimates the corn crop at 1,571,000,000 bushels.

THE American terminus of the Bennett cable will be at Loblolly, the south end of the town of Rockport, Mass.

AN injunction has been issued to restrain the Northern Pacific Railway Company from executing the proposed \$20,000,000 mortgage.

EX-GOVERNOR NATT. HEAD, of New Hampshire, died the night of the 12th.

RAILROAD companies continue to fall into line on the question of the new time standard.

The negotiations for a settlement of the Mexican debt question with the British bondholders have fallen through.

STRIKERS on the Panama Canal recently ditched a train-load of laborers and guards and fired on the wreck, wounding many men.

THE Spanish Ministry say that Spain is enjoying an unexampled prosperity, and call on the provincial tax gatherers to enforce payment of the levy.

At Greensburg, Pa., on the 12th, a mob, headed by a number of women, tried to lynch Jacob Noble, who killed John C. Auley. Officers succeeded in protecting their prisoner.

THE Serbian insurgents are surrendering their arms.

A SCAFFOLD which fell in New York on the 12th killed Patrick Keelick and John Glascock, bricklayers, and injured four others.

In a collision on the West Shore Railroad, near Troy, N. Y., on the 12th, John Schermer was killed and several other persons were seriously injured.

THE General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at New York on the 12th, appropriated \$7,000 for the Austin (Tex.) Conference.

CHIEF-JUSTICE DAVIS of New York, on the 12th, called the attention of the Oyer and Terminer Grand Jury to abuses in the city departments, and called for a thorough investigation.

SIXTEEN street fronts burned at Shenandoah, Pa., on the 12th, including the United States Hotel, Odd Fellows' Hall and Opera-house. The loss is nearly \$1,000,000 and 250 families were rendered homeless.

ADMIRAL LANDOLFE, commanding the French fleet in the Pacific Ocean, died recently at Papeete, Tahiti.

THE Emperor William of Germany has given 1,000 marks toward the Luther Institution for the education of the children of clergymen.

THERE was a severe gale on the lakes the night of the 11th. Wrecks were reported on Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron. Pears were also entertained for the safety of several vessels caught out on Lake Michigan.

O. M. CHASE, Superintendent of the Michigan fish hatcheries, was drowned with six others by the capsizing of a boat between Petoskey and Harbor Springs on the 11th.

THE present movements of general merchandise both east and west are far below their ordinary proportions, and the clearing-house exhibits are decidedly unfavorable.

THE banks and several business houses of Des Moines, Ia., adopted the new Central time standard on the 12th and the City Council has passed an ordinance officially fixing the time as the standard for city purposes.

SEVERAL large buildings burned at Charleston, S. C., on the 12th. Nine persons had to jump from the third story of Wilbur's clothing factory. Two were killed and the rest badly hurt. Two girls are supposed to have been burned.

THE Pennsylvania Supreme Court decides that the Pullman Car Company is in duty bound to exercise care to prevent passengers from being robbed while asleep. Judgment was rendered on the 12th in favor of a passenger so robbed.

EARL CANNARON, in speaking of a recent tour in Canada, said nobody could estimate how great its future would be if the Canadian people persevered with the same judgment and moderation that had characterized their legislative proceedings for many years.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

SLEMMER'S Oil Works burned at Norristown, Pa., on the 13th; loss, \$75,000.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature will adjourn sine die December 6.

THE British police continue to pick up an occasional infernal machine.

THE French have renewed and strengthened their treaties with Turkey.

THE American Catholic Bishops held their first meeting in Rome on the 13th.

ADMIRAL J. B. CREIGHTON, U. S. N., died on the 13th at Morrisstown, N. Y.

TEMPORARY buildings are being erected for the homeless victims of the Shenandoah (Pa.) fire.

TILLINGHAST & Co., dealers in furs and leather, failed at Chicago on the 13th; liabilities, \$300,000.

REAR-ADMIRAL PLANQUET has been ordered to the command of the French fleet in the Pacific.

No witnesses were called for the defense in the Peole murder case in Dublin. The jury disagreed.

On the New England coast, on the 13th, a gale had been blowing for twenty-four hours at the rate of sixty miles per hour.

UNITED STATES TREASURER WYMAN reports a decrease of \$5,237,038 in net revenue last year and recommends an increase of salaries in the Treasury office.

A COMPANY of troops from Fort Buford, Dakota, overtook and captured a band of Canadian half-breeds recently and have been stealing horses in that region.

LIEUTENANT GARLINGTON testified in the Greely relief inquiry on the 13th.

He said the Yantic was of practically no use, but was sent with the Proteus merely to satisfy public opinion.

THE Police Board of St. Louis, Mo., voted on the 13th to appeal from the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of Chief Campbell. Mr. Woodward, the new Commissioner, voted with Commissioners Lutz and Caruth.

THE London police have arrested Augustus Smith for getting drunk and claiming to have had a hand in the recent Underground railway explosions.

THE iron columns of the Wisconsin State-house were so weakened by flaws on the inner surface as to be worthless. Hence the catastrophe.

JAMES MATHESON was fined £50 in Toronto, Ont., on the 13th, for playing furo, the prosecution being had under a law more than 200 years old.

A CONSTRUCTION train on the West Shore Road went down an embankment near Rochester, N. Y., on the 13th. A number of workmen were badly hurt.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Missouri Revenue Statistics.

In the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, the following statistics appear concerning Missouri receipts by collection districts during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883:

First Missouri—Isaac H. Sturgeon, \$6,200,677.64.

Second Missouri—Alonzo B. Carroll, \$60,286.05.

Fourth Missouri—David M. Stewart, \$383,933.87.

Fifth Missouri—Bryan H. Langston, \$131,482.20.

Sixth Missouri—Philip Doppler, \$509,019.98.

The number of special tax-payers during the year ended April 30, 1883, was 26,193. Production of cigars, 1,434,482. Pounds of tobacco used in cigars manufactured, 63,818,923. Tobacco factories, 57. Material used in the manufacture of snuff and tobacco, 25,331,381 pounds. Product, 20,733,658 pounds. Claims for rebate of taxes received, 1,467, amounting to \$49,385.51; number allowed, 1,385, involving \$219,231.67; disallowed, 75, amounting to \$915,884.

Distilleries of spirit and malt liquors registered June 30, 1883, 129. Grain and other materials used in the production of distilled spirits: First District, 559,044 bushels; Second, 2,270; Fourth, 2,157; Fifth, 2,074.

Proof gallons of spirits rectified in the year ended April 30, 1883, First District, \$3,635,334.80; Sixth, \$551,620. Spirits produced during the year ended June 30, 1883: First District, 2,308,176 gallons; Second, 4,965; Fourth, 4,400; Fifth, 5,086; Sixth, 963,329. Spirits withdrawn to June 30, 1883: First District, 3,246,544 gallons; Second, 8,232; Fourth, 7,533; Fifth, 1,184; Sixth, 688,517. Spirits in warehouse June 30, 1883: First District, 6,645 gallons; Second, 3,273; Fourth, 2,337; Fifth, 6,257; Sixth, 253,051. Production and withdrawal of spirits during first three months of current fiscal year: July—Produced, 221,163; withdrawn, 242,814; tax paid, \$238,532.00.

August—Produced, 289,558; withdrawn, 304,454; tax paid, \$174,008.00. September—Produced, \$257,063; withdrawn, 286,554; tax paid, \$527,880.00. Spirits in hands of wholesale liquor dealers and rectifiers, October 1, 1883: First District, 498,017 gallons; Fourth District, 1,589 gallons; Sixth District, 171,167 gallons. Spirits in distillery warehouses October 1, 1883, 190,316 gallons.

A Cold Blooded Murder.

A few nights ago, while David Hankins, a colored preacher, of St. Louis, was sitting at his table eating supper, the family was startled by the report of a pistol, and a moment later it was found that Hankins had been shot and mortally wounded. He died shortly after. The murderer had disguised himself in a woman's dress and sunbonnet, and being pursued threw them off in his flight. The recovery of these articles furnished a clue to the assassin and led to the arrest of a negro named Moore, the case against him standing about as follows: Ten years ago, while living in Louisiana, Moore conceived a deadly hatred for Hankins, whom he accused of undue intimacy with his (Moore's) wife and swore he would kill him, however remote the opportunity; that the hatred was still entertained up to the day of the crime; that four weeks ago Moore purchased a revolver which he now denies having done; that two weeks ago the dress which the assassin wore was seen in Moore's house by his own son; that this dress has been identified most positively by a Mrs. Simmons as the property of her daughter (Moore's cousin); that it had been kept in a trunk to which Moore had access; that four cartridges were found in Moore's trunk, although he says he had no pistol for four years; that the dress which the boy saw in his father's shanty has disappeared therefrom; that on the night of the murder Moore left his house, at a time corresponding with the crime, and remained away long enough to perpetrate it and return. And yet Moore denies he had a pistol, but if found guilty it will be through the very means he employed to conceal his identity.

Miscellaneous Items.

A man giving the name of James Andrews was arrested in St. Louis, a few days ago. He told the officer that he wanted to be arrested anyway, as he had killed a man in Arizona some years ago. The officer at first believed the man to be suffering from delirium tremens and paid no attention to the story. The prisoner, however, insisted that he had killed a man with a pick-axe in an Arizona mine, and he wanted to be sent back and tried for his crime. He felt uneasy while at large, for he felt that Nemesis was on his track. He was held until the case could be investigated.

At the stock show in Kansas City, thirteen Aberdeen Angus cows and heifers sold for \$6,630, and twenty-seven bulls brought \$11,925. The cow Waterside went off at \$2,000.

Two men robbed a mail-carrier near Malta Bend, Saline County, recently, securing a registered letter containing \$180.

Frank James was taken from the Second Street Jail in Kansas City, a few days ago, and in custody of Deputy Marshal John T. Murphy was placed on a train for Independence. The two men walked from the jail to the Grand Avenue depot, and the prisoner carried his valise in his hand. The authorities stated that he was glad to get out of Kansas City, as he would much rather be imprisoned in the county jail in the quiet town of Independence.

The colored citizens of Kansas City met a few nights ago and formed a "Civil Rights Association."

A farmer in Mississippi County dug nearly sixteen pounds of sweet potatoes out of one hill.

Thomas L. Girvin, a prominent farmer of Ruddle's Point, New Madrid County, reports a good deal of land in that neighborhood seeded for wheat this fall. He has 160 acres; Julius Newbauer, 210; B. F. Wright, 85; J. L. Girvin, 95; Dennis Henry, 140; Sam Phillips, 50; Captain Carter, 100. Corn is turning out about thirty bushels per acre.

An open winter is predicted.

Commencing Tuesday, November 20, the Grand Encampment, I. O. F., of the State of Missouri, will begin its session at St. Joseph and continue several days. The encampments of St. Joseph have sent a general invitation to all camps throughout the State to attend in uniform.

A man named Harry Livingstone surrendered himself to the United States authorities in St. Joseph a few days ago, acknowledging himself to be one of a gang of counterfeiters that have been shoving the queer extensively in that section of country.

Wm. T. Christy, one of the old settlers of St. Louis, died a few days ago.

AN IMPORTANT SCOOP.

One of the Most Expert Gangs of Counterfeiters in the Country Captured by New York Detectives, Including William E. Brockway, Over Whose Head a Suspended Thirty Years Sentence Hangs—A Fine Piece of Detective Work.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.

Wm. E. Brockway, James Doyle and Charles H. Smith, professional forgers and counterfeiters, were arrested in Brooklyn on October 22, 1880, for forging \$1,000 six per cent. coupon bonds of the United States. Doyle was sent to prison for twelve years. Smith turned State's evidence and Brockway was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment. Sentence was suspended on his undertaking to surrender all the plates for forging United States bonds which he had in his possession or the whereabouts of which he knew, and other counterfeiting apparatus, and to give what information he could in regard to the profession of forgery. He was told that if he was ever rearrested in the United States for practicing forgery, the thirty years' sentence which was suspended, would go into effect. Brockway dug up a lot of plates and turned them over to the Government, as per contract, and disappeared. Two months ago Detectives Mangin and Cosgrove discovered that he was making daily visits to a boarding house at 221 Lexington Avenue, where he met Nathaniel D. Foster and Louis Martin, both counterfeiters and forgers. Inspector Byrnes suspected that Brockway was at his old trade and ordered Detectives Mangin, Cosgrove and Head to watch him and his two confederates. A room was procured in the neighborhood of the Lexington Avenue boarding-house, and the detectives took turns in watching the suspected premises with an opera-glass. Brockway, on leaving the house in Lexington Avenue one day, was traced to a flat at 270 West Eleventh. He went under the name of Spencer, and passed as Mrs. Gilbert. The woman, who passed as Mrs. Gilbert, the landlady, proved to be Brockway's wife. Inspector Byrnes hired a room in West Eleventh street, opposite the place where Brockway lived and directed Detectives Slevin, McCloskey and Richard Field to watch him. They learned that he spent hours at the St. James hotel, where Martin lived. About a month ago they picked up a letter which he wrote to pieces after descending the stairs with Martin, with whom he had been consulting for a long time. The fragments of the letter on being put together showed that Brockway, Martin and Foster were engaged in wholesale forgery. On Saturday Inspector Byrnes obtained search warrants and arranged a simultaneous descent on the houses in Eleventh street and Lexington Avenue. Brockway, who had just left Lexington Avenue when the descent was made, was caught on the elevated railroad. In the Lexington Avenue house the detectives found plates, stamps, dies and every other thing necessary for forging money and Essex Railroad \$1,000 seven per cent. construction bonds, payable in 1901, and Central Pacific Railroad Company \$1,000 six per cent. gold-bearing bonds, series B. Stamps intended for both bonds, including the London stamp of the last named, were also found. A large number of the bonds already printed were seized, and there was also captured the set up type used to print the certificates on the back of the Central Pacific bonds. There were also seized eighteen sets of type for each of the eighteen coupons. Type set up for other parts of the bonds, together with the designs used for printing the scrolls, were captured.

A genuine bond also was found and the counterfeiters were as genuine looking. Chief Drummond, by means of a microscope, discovered that the reverse stamps on the bonds were a forgery. In the flat on West Eleventh street the detectives found comparatively little to prove that forgery had been attempted, but in room 86 in the St. James Hotel, which the counterfeiters had been occupying for nearly a year past, Sergeant Slevin found twenty-one counterfeit Morris and Essex Railroad Company \$1,000 7 per cent. mortgage construction bonds. All these bonds wanted was the signatures of the President and Treasurer to be put upon the market. The signatures would soon have been added. Sam Sloan, President of the company, writes with a quill and a bundle of quills, ready for use, were wrapped up in the bundle of bonds. Thirty-three more bonds not yet numbered and two unsigned were also found in Martin's room. In Brockway's pockets were found a \$1,000 7 per cent. construction bond of the Morris & Essex Railroad and a \$1,000 6 per cent. gold-bearing Central Pacific Railroad bond, series B, No. 326. The bonds are believed to be genuine. The prisoner, Lewis Martin, is believed to be the capitalist of the gang just arrested. He is sixty years old, and is a fine-looking man, whose face is familiar to the frequenters of race tracks East and West. He had handsome rooms at the St. James Hotel, and was quite a wealthy and reputable horseman and sporting man. He was formerly, it is said, a member of the Jockey club. In his possession were found a number of letters and papers showing his connection with the counterfeiters' gang. Other letters showed his interest in horse racing and extensive acquaintance with reputable horse owners throughout the country. Other letters, if they are genuine, indicate that he was a business man of fair standing, some of them being in the form of recommendations from railroad presidents and other officials to others in the same line of business, and speaking of Martin as a capable person and one to be trusted. In 1875 he was indicted in the United States Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania as an accomplice of Henry Makil, alias Sweet, in passing counterfeit \$500 notes. He was never tried. Previous to that time Inspector Byrnes said he has been known as an engraver and printer of counterfeiters under the name of Martin Luther. Nathaniel B. Foster, the third prisoner, is about forty years old, and is a native of Bradford, Ill. He was a pal of Theodore Shotwell, alias Tom King, who died recently in Greenland, Col. Since the latter's death Foster has been passing as the husband of Shotwell's sister, Mrs. Blakely.

Brockway is a native of Connecticut, sixty-one years of age. He is a printer and electrician by profession; studied chemistry under Prof. Silliman of Yale College. In 1833 he obtained an impression on lead of a genuine plate of bills of the State Bank of Connecticut, and printed a hundred thousand dollars in five-dollar notes. Since that time he has been repeatedly connected with some of the heaviest counterfeiting ventures in the country.

A Promiscuous Smash.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Nov. 10.

A train of freight cars on the Troy & Greenfield Railroad bound west, took the east-bound track at Zoar Station to-day and stopped to let the passenger train bound west pass. While standing with the engine derailed a construction train rushing into the depot and into the freight train with terrific force. The engine derailed was lifted from the track and fell on the other engine and several cars were piled promiscuously about the engine. The brakeman on the construction train jumped and was seriously injured. The engineer and fireman jumped and escaped injury. Damages heavy.

A Swindler Nipped.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 12.

Walter Curtis, a prepossessing looking Englishman was arrested this afternoon on the charge of using the mails to defraud. On Friday last he deposited five dollars with Fletcher & Thorpe, bankers, and this was followed by advertisements in the Cincinnati papers, and elsewhere, calling for copyists, male and female, to be employed at fifteen cents per hour, each applicant to forward one dollar for contract, and he referring as evidence of good faith to the five dollar fact that "we bank with Fletcher & Thorpe." Last night the letters began pouring to his net, and to-day the postmaster confiscated an immense batch, and will forward them to the dead letter office.

THE FIRE FIEND.